

# Police Accreditation



The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 55% of the optional standards. Achieving Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence and the program provides the following benefits:

- Provides a norm for the Upton Police Department to judge its performance.
  - Provides a basis to correct deficiencies before they become public problems.
  - Provides accountability among agency personnel.
  - Provides a means of independent evaluation of agency operations for quality assurance.
  - Enhances the reputation of the agency and promotes public confidence in it.
  - Reduces liability exposure by following best practices for delivery of services and supervision of personnel.
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On January 26, 2012, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission voted to award State Accreditation to the Upton Police Department. Overall, the Upton Police Department is 44<sup>th</sup> in the Commonwealth to receive this prestigious distinction.

Achieving Accreditation, the Commission's highest award, demonstrates the Department's commitment to delivering an exemplary level of police service to our community.